# **CONVICT MIDGETS** IN FIRST DEGREE

Slayer of Charles T. Smith Sentenced to Hang May 24.

The Prisoner Removed to Fredericksburg to Await Execution.

Jury Deliberated on the Case Less Than Half an Hour.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU. ALEXANDRIA, VA., MARCH 30. George Midgets, alias William John son, colored, charged with the brutal murder of Charles F. Smith, was convicted of murder in the first degree late this afternoon. Midgets was sentenced by Judge Barley to be hanged in the

the hours of 6 a. m. and 12 m. The case was given to the jury at 4:45 p. m. and at 5:12 the members returned

jail yard here on May 24 next, between

and rendered their verdict.

The murder of Charles T. Smith, son of Lieut. James Smith, of the Alexandria police force, was committed in King street, opposite the old fair grounds, on the night of October 20, 1906. Midgets had assaulted Policeman Nich olson and was being arrested by Policeman Garvey, when Charles Smith came up and placed his hand on Mid-gets' shoulder. Midgets turned and fired his pistol at Smith, killing him instantly. He escaped and was not captured until March 1, when he was arrested by the police of Harrisburg, Pa.

During his trial Midgets has been guarded by Company L, Seventieth Virginia Regiment.

Midgets under guard of the State troops was taken to the train and removed to Fredericksburg, where he wil be kept in jail until the time for his ex-

#### Policeman Fatally Hurt.

James Finks, a special policeman at the Southern Rallway yards, was run over and seriously injured at the Union Station about 5 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Finks was attempting to board the train called the annex, which carries employes to and from the Potomac yards, when he slipped and fell beneath the car. His right arm was cut off at the shoulder and his right leg was cut off about the knee. He also received some severe scalp wounds. He was brought to this city in the ambulance and taken to the Alexandria Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. W. M. Smith. His condition tonight is critical.

#### Funeral of Mrs. Driefus.

The funeral of Mrs. Nellie E. Driefus, will be held from her home in Commerce street tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Father Kelly, of St. Mary's

#### Burial of John Cronin.

The funeral of John Cronin, who died ducted by the Rev. Father Kelly.

#### Confederate Vets to Meet.

Lee Camp of Confederata Veterans will hold a meeting at their hall, in Prince street, next Monday evening, when the annual election of officers will be held.

#### FIRE FROM LAMP EXPLOSION DESTROYS GARFIELD HOUSES

Fire last night completely destroyed two frame dwellings occupied by colored people in Garfield, D. C., damage \$2,000, and did \$300 damage to a third house. The fire, caused by the

#### POSTAL COMPANY MAKES NEW WAGE INCREASE

NEW YORK, March 30 .- The Postal Telegraph Cable company today announces an increase in the wages of its chief operators and clerks. The increase in each case will be graded according to the length of service, efficiency and responsibility of the position. The in-crease is to take effect April 1. This is in addition to the 10 per cent increase which was given to the operators, traf-fic chiefs, wire cierks, assistant chief operators and managers on March 1. in each case will be graded according

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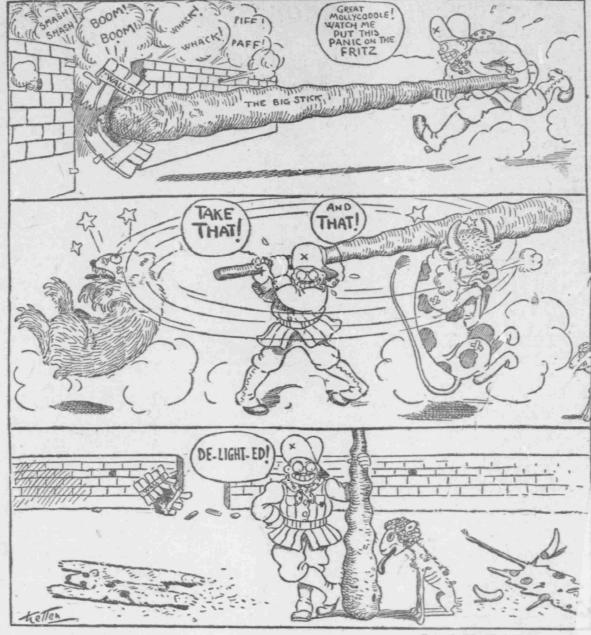
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## TEDDY TACKLES



The new commissioner of the

Land Office announced last n

he had reorganized the field a

enlarged. The chiefs have bee

held responsible for the wo

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the Surveyors General.
Harry H. Schwartz, who
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made chief of the special se
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orce and had redistricted t land territory. The lines have changed that the divisions h

# HUSBAND HITS HER, WIFE DROPS BABY

Concussion of Brain Is Con-Mr. Caverly's Instructions, sequence to Child.

Suffering from concussion of the brain, "I'll give Bell until Monday or Tues-little Nellie Ernest, the eighteen-months-day to return to Glen Echo for trial.

Ernest is a prisoner at the Fifth pre-

at Alexandria Hospital, after undergoing an operation for appendicitis was held time. Last night the woman was refrom St. Mary's Church at 10 o'clock this morning. The funeral services were twenty to the police, the couple of forty miles an hour in the Maryland town a week ago last night.

Mayor Garrett said he had requested turning to her home about 9 o'clock, when she met her husband in M street, automobilists' Association, to prevail between First and Half street southwest. Ernest had been in a hospital and was only recently discharged. not seen his wife for some time.

When they met last night words nassed between them, and Ernest it is the pavement. Dropping the infant from her arms, Mrs. Ernest fell, crushing the child as she struck the walk.
Dr. E. E. Richardson, of 404 Seventh

street southwest, was summoned, and ecommended that the infant be taken o a hospital. When the ambulance from the Casualty Hospital arrived, Mrs. Ernest refused to allow Nellie to be

age \$2,000, and did \$300 damage to a third house. The fire, caused by the explosion of a lamp, started in the home of James Johnson. The flames spread to adjoining houses, occupied by Cornelius Gray and Samuel Cook. An alarm was turned in from box 953, but as the nearest engine house is two miles away, the flames had gained considerable headway before the arrival of the department.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS FORM UNION DOMESTI and on Wednesdays at 10 p. m., all domestics to be home by 10 o'clock except on Thursday, when they may stay

out till midnight.

# SHONTS CHAUFFEUR

to Surrender Disobeyed.

old daughter of Mrs. Annie Ernest, of 1308 Half street southwest, is in a serious condition as the result of an attack alleged to have been made on Mrs. Ernest by her husband, Silas.

day to return to Glen Echo for trial. If he does not put in an appearance by that time I will apply to Governor Warfield for requisition papers and bring him to Maryland for trial on a charge of assault and violating our speed law." of assault and violating our speed law. Thus spoke Mayor John Garrett, of cinct police station on a charge of assault. He will be held until the extent of the child's injuries have been determined.

According to the relief of the same of the child's injuries have been determined. According to the police, the couple of forty miles an hour in the Maryland

did not obey Mr. Caverly's instruction "Every other means of getting Bell out to Glen Echo for trial will be ex-

hausted before I apply for the requisicares within the next few days. The case is an aggravated one. Bell no only ran the machine at a speed exceeding our limit by thirty miles or more but tried to run over Town Marshal Collins. This practice on the part of Washington autoists cannot be encouraged by us."

#### CLYDE FITCH'S CRITICISM.

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Clyde Fitch in a kindly letter to a young and unknown playwright said:

"I liked your play; I thought it promising, but in the first act you imitated Ibsen. In the second you imitated Pinero and in the third and fourth you imitate Barrle. This will never do, Imitation in art is always bad. It suggests the shabby who as he sipped a glass of beer looked in the mirror behind the bar and muttered to himself; Here I am wearing a railroad president's shoes, the trousers of a Senator, the hat of a millionaire banker, the vest of a Newport society leader and an ambassador's coat and yet in spite of all I look like a tramp."

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### Government Employes' Store to Be Mutual

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t yesterday afternoon Navy Department.

epartment store here, White, Land Office, and J. D. Biddis,

on to the officers the fol-ected as temporary direc-W. Hall, Civil Service 35,000 Government employes of the Dis-V. P. Gouchenour, Depart- trict.

#### **BOY ARRESTED** THROWING STONES

ton, eight years old, of 812 northeast, was struck on it night by a stone thrown owden, colored, thirteen, of northeast. Snowden was Policeman Dawson, of the nct, and will be given a the Juvenile Court Monday e of assault. Clayton was

CAUBS ARE TO BE

AS LUXURIOUS AS MEN'S luxury to be provided and in if member ship fees \$150 initia-\$100 annual daes-the Colony

O COSTLY FOR ANY MAN.

e of the members of the British on were talking about the late

nears, the shah was in London," a foung man, "he amused himat a dinner party at a ducal resie in Park Iane by appraising the ty of the ladies present in terms heep. Thus for a blonde countess aid he would give 1,200 sheep; for a slim baroness he said he would 2,000 sheep; for a press of middle he said he would give 250 sheep, and on. Finally the shah came to the utiful Mrs. Willie James. Everyly waited in anxious silence to hear old heathen state her value in the state beautiful woman in London. The shook his head and sighed. This dy'he said, 'is out of the question. either I nor any other man in the orid owns as many sheep as she is orth."

# Washington Govern-which purposes estab-

forth the plans of the ave been formulated it is the idea of the guild to run the when a meeting was department store on a purely mutual llowing officers elected: basis. Market prices will be charged for Treasury Department, goods, and 90 per cent of the profits are

Treasury Department,

W. Hanger, Departered to go to the Government employe stockholders. Tyree, War Departer, Dr. M. J. Holmes, War sistant secretary, and B. sury Department, treason to the officers the following terminal transfer of the guild expects to have the entire

#### ROUGH RIDER FRANTZ WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 30.-Announcement was made this afternoon by Governor Frantz, who was a rough rider, that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination as the first governor of the new State.

#### BOOM DAYS IN ITALY.

It is no longer necessary for an Italian to come to New York to make money. The home country is enjoying a boom. The state railways show an leather craft increase of \$7,500,000 in business for the and weaving. first year of their opeartion, although until November. All the Italian shipng constitutes a departure in sisterhood affairs. It is posal woman to belong to five or le ordinary clubs in New York not more than \$100 a year. this time the most complete lotation of the club idea to the the fair sex has been found in man's University Club, whose in Twenty-sixth street provides of the club idea to the the fair sex has been found in man's University Club, whose in Twenty-sixth street provides of pig iron. They hold a government lease. The government surplus last eleven months imports increased by some 15 per cent. Cotton mills are supplying prints and piece goods to Turkey, to South America, where Italian ship-year was are busy. The iron mines of Elba, which drew Napoleon's interest when he was the keen king of the isle, are to be allowed to put out \$50,000 tons of pig iron. They hold a government lease. The government surplus last eleven months imports increased by some 15 per cent. Cotton mills are supplying prints and piece goods to Turkey, to South America, where Italian ship-year was are busy.

#### MONTANA'S SAPPHIRE MINES.

Preparations are being made to work the sapphire mines at Yogo gulch extensively. Yogo dike, which is in Montana, is four miles long and it is estimated that the workable rock will approximate 10.000,000 cubic yards. While
the stones found there are comparatively small, they are unushally brilliant, without flaws, and of beautiful
tints. Their shape is generally of such
character that the culls, or smaller ones,
are well suited for bearings of watches,
and for this purpose they need little
cutting. the sapphire mines at Yogo guich ex-

#### A MILLION DIVORCES.

It is figured that for the twenty-year period from 1887 to 1906 the applications filed for divorce throughout the country reached the total of 1.400,000, and probably on these applications about 1,000,000 divorces were granted. In the twenty-year period from 1867 to 1886 the number of divorces secured was 228,000.

#### WOMAN RUN INTO BY HORSE DRIVEN BY MRS. R. L. HOXIE

Mrs. Charles H. Underwood, of 1331 Park road nerthwest, was run into and mocked down on G street northwest, vesterday afternoon by a horse driven by Mrs. Hoxie, wife of Gen. Richard L. Hoxie, U. S. A. Mrs. Underwood was only slightly injured, and was driven to her home by Mrs. Hoxie.

#### LOCAL MENTION.

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E. 1440 and 1441.

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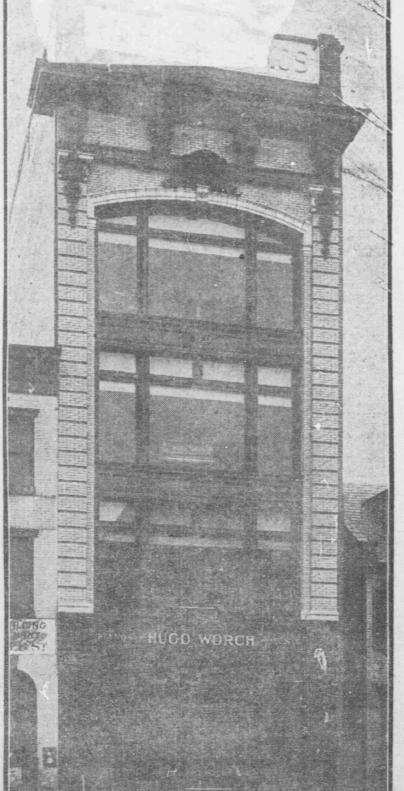
#### Get Ready.

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